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SUBJECT: LABOR LEADER RAIMUNDO ONGARO EXILED

1. ON AUGUST 28 RAIMUNDO ONGARO, EX-LEADER OF PARALLEL CGT OF THE ARGENTINES AND GRAPHIC ARTS WORKERS UNION (FGB), WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AND SENT INTO EXILE IN PERU. ONGARO HAD BEEN JAILED SINCE OCTOBER 1974 UNDER STATE OF SIEGE PROVISIONS FOLLOWING POLICE SEIZURE FGB HEADQUARTERS. DESPITE JUDICIAL FINDING THAT THERE WERE NO GROUNDS TO HOLD ONGARO, HE REMAINED IN PRISON. IN MAY 1975 ONGARO'S 21-YEAR OLD SON WAS KILLED BY AS YET UNIDENTIFIED ASSASSINS.

2. WITH DEPARTURE OF ONGARO ONLY TWO OTHER NATIONALLY IMPORTANT NON-PERONIST LABOR LEADERS, AGUSTIN TOSCO AND RENE SALAMANCA OF CORDOBA LUZ Y FUERZA AND AUTOMOBILE WORKERS (SMATA) UNIONS, REMAIN IN COUNTRY. BOTH ARE IN HIDING WITH OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANTS AGAINST THEM FOLLOWING POLICE RAIDS OF THEIR UNIONS IN OCTOBER 1974.

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